

point in which the people of Nova Scotia feel so lively an interest—nor does it appear to me proper that I should send out more than this general reference to the state of the negotiations until it has been finally closed.

"I have the honor be, Sir, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

William H. Keating, Esq.,
Deputy Secretary.

THE GREAT BRITAIN STEAMSHIP.—We have been kindly favored with the following extract of a letter from a gentleman in Liverpool to a friend in Miramichi, respecting the steamship Great Britain, which we deem of sufficient interest to lay before our readers:—

"I am sorry to hear of business being so dull with you, but it is rather good at present in Liverpool, and is very good on the whole throughout England. We are not particularly busy ourselves, having only an iron vessel, for a lightship, on the stocks. She is intended for the North West station, at Liverpool. We expect, however, to have three screw steamers to build some time this month, of about 1,100 tons, each, which will keep us busy for the next twelve months.

"We are also in treaty with some parties here for putting the Great Britain afloat again, which I think will be done. It is a great pity to see her lying up so long without a purchaser, as she is the finest model afloat. The parties now about her intend putting a new pair of Engines into her, of 500 horse power each, the old ones being condemned for their faulty construction. Her present engines are 1,000 horse power, but they would never work up to more than 700 or 800. By putting new engines of 500 horse power into her, with all the improvements made in the engines for the screw propeller since the Great Britain was built, they expect to get a greater amount of speed than with the old engines of double the power. So much for improvements. The price asked for her as she now is, is £20,000.

New pair of Engines, of 500 horse power, h. p., 15,000
Repairs to Hull, and alterations to Cabins, &c., 17,000

Total cost to put her afloat in a seaworthy coal, £52,000

Her first cost was about £150,000, and for £52,000 she will be made a better boat than ever she was before. Her cabin aft will be made to accommodate 150 first class passengers, and 200 in the forward cabin. She will also have capacity for 2000 tons of cargo, so you see she will be a decided bargain to any one who has the money to speculate with."

The same writer thus alludes to the appearance of the Arctic, one of the American steamers:—

"On Sunday last I went down to the dock to have a look at the last new American steamer, the Arctic, which arrived here last week, from New York in 10½ days. I found her as I anticipated, a very sharp-looking craft, but rather unsightly at the bow, having no bowsprit, and the stern post perpendicular, giving her the appearance of a large tug boat. These, of course, do not affect her qualities, yet she would look neater with a bowsprit, and the stern post a little raked. She was rather light on the water when I saw her, which was hardly a time to judge of her appearance. She is remarkably fine forward, with very little flange aloft; indeed, I may say almost perpendicular from keel to gunwale. She has a good run aft, but her bearing amidships seem to commence too soon from the stern post, making her lines very hollow at the entrance."

St. John.—We perceive that a number of the merchants of this city have come to the determination of closing their stores at 6 o'clock in the evening until the 1st March.

The St. John Morning News contains the following paragraph:—

"The Mystery Solved.—The young woman whose body was found in the Mill Pond a couple of weeks since, with the head fractured, it seems from information we obtained yesterday, was supposed to be a person from the old country, who had been in St. John only a short time, and boarded with Mrs. Driscoll, in Church street. It is said she was a very sober and correct young woman in all her ways. On the night of the death she had been standing by the stove in the house, where she boarded, and burnt a hole in her dress, and she took the dress off and changed it for another. She went out in the course of the evening—and up to this moment has never returned, notwithstanding she left a trunk filled with clothing. It is our belief that she met with foul play, was thrown over the bridge, and the body lately recovered is that of the same person."

CANADA.—The Quebec Chronicle furnishes the following gratifying picture of affairs in Canada:—

"Eighteen hundred and fifty has passed away, not however to be forgotten. In Canada, political animosities have faded, there being no more ruin and decay—no clamouring about annexation—no grumbling; but activity everywhere—nothing but steamships, railroads, telegraphs, talked of—a thoroughly progressive spirit having taken a firm hold of the people.—Last year the Fugitive Slave Law raised an excitement among our neighbors; it witnessed England connected with France

by Electric Telegraph; it witnessed Prussia and Austria at Daggers drawn; it witnessed, *mirabile dictu*, France and Russia advocates of peace; it saw the deaths of a Peel, a Louis Philippe, a President Taylor, a poet Wordsworth, an accomplished scholar, Neander, and a Stevenson. That which 1851 will bring forth may we all live to witness. Reader we have happiness in wishing you 'A HAPPY NEW YEAR.'"

RUMOUR.—It is currently reported this morning, that J. A. STREET, Esq. has been appointed Attorney General.

INQUEST.—An Inquest was held by Dr. Benson, Coroner, on the Body of Mr. JOSEPH LONG, at the house of Mr. William Grey, at Napan. The deceased, while talking to Mr. Grey, fell down and expired instantly. Verdict—"Death by the visitation of God."

EUROPEAN NEWS.—We have to-day continued our extracts from the British papers which came to hand by the last mail.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—We have devoted a large portion of to-day's paper to the excellent Lecture delivered at the opening of the Institute in Chatham by the Rev. Mr. Henderson. We trust it will receive a careful perusal from our readers, and that it will have the effect of rendering those truly useful institutions more popular among us than they appear to be.

The name of the person lost from the schooner Herald, on her passage to this port from Boston, was James Eston, not Webster, as reported.

Marriages.

At Youghal, on Tuesday the 7th inst. by the Rev. George Macdonnell, Mr. WILLIAM HODNET, of New Bandon, to Miss MARY JANE ANDERSON, of Youghal.

At Blackville Manse, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. John Turnbull, Mr. RICHARD WHITE of the Parish of Blackville, to Miss JANE MCKENDRICK, of the Parish of Northesk.

SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14.

TOWN MEETING IN NEWCASTLE.

Mr. PIERCE.—Sir, The first Town-meeting in Newcastle, for the election of Parish Officers under the new law, was held in the Mechanics' Institute, on the 7th inst., the day set apart by the statute; and it is gratifying to state, that the proceedings throughout, on the occasion, were conducted with perfect order and decorum, and apparently to the satisfaction of all concerned; presenting in that particular a happy contrast to the scenes of turmoil and "confusion worse confounded," often, too often witnessed in a place not necessary to be mentioned. Indeed, what other result could have been expected from the gathering together of enlightened men, men who would be free, come from all parts of the Parish to exercise a right, theirs by nature and protected by the spirit, the glorious spirit of the British Constitution. It required but little effort of the imagination to see stamped upon the brow of every man present on that occasion, a new impress of the Divinity, as he stood boldly forth to vindicate and do battle for the right of self-government—a right too long withheld, but a right which, as the people have now got possession of it will not be relinquished without a struggle. It is pleasing to witness this change in our local councils—it is refreshing to see our chains gradually falling off—to see man rising although by slow degrees, to the true dignity of his nature, and showing himself worthy of the Hand that made him. Let us "despise not the day of small things." A new era is dawning upon us—the Sun of Liberty is rising, and his light already gleams upon us and will shine brighter and brighter "until the perfect day."

D. W.

Newcastle, Jan. 13, 1851.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY.—The following persons have been elected Office Bearers of the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, for the current year:

President—Alex. Key, M. D.
Vice Presidents—Richard Hutchison, John Macdougall, David Johnston.
Treasurer—Thomas C. Allan.
Secretary—Alexander Loudoun.
Chaplain—Rev. William Henderson.
Directors—Hon. A. Rankin, William Loch, John Mackie, William J. Fraser, George H. Russell, James Caie, Wm. A. Black, John Chalmers, Donald McNaughton, Peter Mitchell, Jun., Alex. McLaggan, Alex. Ferguson, Roderick McLeod, Donald McKay, Robert Johnstone, Alex. McKillop, Alex. Fraser, Jun., John Fraser, James Davidson, Peter Morrison, Hon. John Montgomery, John Wyse, Francis Ferguson, Adjutant Donald McDonald.
Piper—Alexander McDonald.
ALEX. LOUDOUN, Secretary.

THE REVENUE.—It appears that the Revenue amounts this year to £104,087 9s 6d, being an increase over that of the preceding year of £9717 2s 1d.

THE CABINET.—It will be seen by the annexed paragraphs, copied from the St. John papers, that there has been a sudden and violent disruption in our Cabinet, and that three of its Members have tendered their resignations. Mr. Wilnot's election deprives it also of his presence and support. We shall anxiously wait the issue of events.

In our last paper we hinted that some of the Members of the Government were about tendering their resignations. This we learn has already been confirmed to a certain extent by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Hannington, who has thrown up his seat in the Executive Council. It is now stated that the remaining members of the Government are fairly beside themselves, and know not what scheme to fall upon, in order to help them out of the dilemma into which they have placed themselves. To meet the house as at present constituted, they will be but to meet certain defeat. It is not, therefore, improbable that they will endeavor to chime in, in some way or other, with the new Government; but we warn the Liberals of the House to be on their guard, and not to accept of any overtures which will degrade them in public estimation. The present Cabinet must surrender unconditionally; and a new one formed on entirely different principles. The watchwords of the people are retrenchment and reform, and the new Cabinet will be called upon to place the pruning knife to almost every department in the Province. We look with much interest to the Meeting of the House of Assembly.—*St. John New Brunswick of Thursday.*

We received a telegraphic despatch last evening from Fredericton, announcing that John Ambrose Street, Esq. had been appointed Attorney General and Executive Councilor.

We are informed that it was announced in Fredericton last evening, that the late Judicial appointments had led to a lengthy discussion in the Executive Council, which had been in session since Monday, and that one of the members, the Hon. Charles Fisher, had resigned his seat. The matter is not understood, but it is said that the Hon. gentleman has resigned either because Earl Grey appointed without a recommendation of the Colonial Government, or because the Governor recommended without advising with his Council.—*Courier of Saturday.*

In our last and previous numbers, we prepared the public for a crisis in the present Government, which will eventuate in the political death of the whole of the members of the present Cabinet. It is now reported and generally believed, that the Hon. Mr. Hazen has also tendered his seat in the Executive Council. The Government may therefore be considered fairly smashed. What the next dodge will be, it is difficult to determine, but we shall endeavor to keep our readers advised of every move which may be made on the political chess board.

A correspondent, writing from Fredericton under date of Thursday evening, says: "Comotion still reigns in the Council. It is stated that Messrs. Hazen and Chandler had resigned, and that others contemplate doing so. *New Brunswick of Saturday morning.*"

Should the Government act up to the meaning of Responsible Government, Mr. Street will have to appear before his constituents—but whether they consider this measure necessary—for strange things do take place—a little time will determine. The people of Northumberland, however, we hope, will be prepared for such an event.

Messrs. Fisher and Coy, it is said will contest the County of York.

Post Office Act.—The last Royal Gazette contains the official notice of the confirmation by Her Majesty in Council of the Post Office Act, passed by the Legislature at its last Session, and the same is ordered to be proclaimed in this Province as soon as may be.

Notice is given by the Provincial Secretary that a Proclamation will issue, stating the exact time at which this important Act will come into effect in this Province.—*St. John Courier.*

JAMAICA.—The Cholera.—A Telegraph despatch which came over the wires on Wednesday, informs us that the Cholera still lingered at Kingston, and more so in the country. *Holifax B. N. American, Jan. 11.*

MARRIED.

On the 31st December, by the Rev. Wm. Stewart, Mr. SIMON HAMILTON, to Miss MARY McALLISTER, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

Musical Entertainment!

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL.

On the evening of WEDNESDAY, the 22nd instant, the Members of the Chatham Amateur Band, will give a

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
In their Room, the proceeds of which will be appropriated towards the Erection of the Sons of Temperance Hall, in the Town of Chatham.

Tickets may be had at the Stores of Messrs. Johnson & Mackie, and Alex. Loudoun, Esq. Price 1s. 3d. each; Children half price. Chatham, January 13, 1851.

Lost.

On Saturday night last, in the Town of Chatham, a LADY'S WHITE AND BLACK PLAID, and a CHILD'S GREY FUR VICTORINE. Any person leaving the same at the Gleaner Office will be rewarded.
Miramichi, 10th January, 1851.

Lost.

On Wednesday last, between the residence of Mr. William Parker, in the South West, and Newcastle, a Bandbox, containing a Brown Satin BONNET. Any person leaving it with Mr. Parker or at the Gleaner Office, will be rewarded.
Miramichi, January 14, 1850.

Highland Society

OF NEW BRUNSWICK at MIRAMICHI.

A Special Meeting of the Directors of the above Society will be held at WHITE'S HOTEL, Chatham, on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of appointing Committees for certain purposes in connection with the Society.

By Order of the President,

ALEX. LOUDOUN, Secretary
Miramichi, Jan. 14, 1851.

Farm for Sale,

And Possession given immediately,
THE LOT OF LAND,

Situate in the rear of Moorfields, in the Parish of Newcastle, originally granted to the late Mr. Adam Park, and now owned by Mr. MARK S. PALMER, of Newcastle, England. Apply to

GILMOUR, RANKIN & Co.

Miramichi, January 3, 1851.

CARD.—MR. LLOYD, from Dalhousie, intending to remain in Miramichi for a few days, is prepared to tune PIANO-FORTES. Terms moderate. Apply at the Gleaner Office.

NOTICE.—The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the *Miramichi Religious Tract Society*, will be held on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the room over Mr. KERR'S Office, Chatham.

WM. HENDERSON, Secretary.

3rd January, 1851.

Wesleyan Missionary Meetings.

The attention of the Christian Public is respectfully invited to the following announcements:—

CHATHAM.—Sunday, Jan. 19: Preaching in the Wesleyan Chapel, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at half-past 6, P. M.

On Monday following, January 20, a *Missionary Meeting* will be held in the same Chapel, the service to commence at 7 o'clock, P. M.

NEWCASTLE.—Sunday, January 19: Preaching in the Wesleyan Chapel, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday evening, January 21, at 7 o'clock, a *Missionary Meeting* will be held in the same Chapel.

UPPER NELSON.—Sunday, January 19: Preaching in the Wesleyan Chapel at 11 o'clock, A. M., and a *Missionary Meeting* will be held in the same Chapel on Wednesday, January 22, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

A COLLECTION in aid of the Wesleyan Missions, will be made after each Sermon, and in the course of each Public Meeting.

C. LOCKHART,

Wesleyan Missionary.

WAVERLEY HOUSE,

North Side King Street,
SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

James Williams, Proprietor.

THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully announces that he has Leased the above named *New BRICK HOTEL*, which will be opened for the accommodation of Travellers on FRIDAY the 1st November. The *WAVERLEY* has been built expressly for a first-class Hotel; it contains a spacious Ball Room, Dining Rooms, Drawing Rooms, Family and "Bridal" Apartments, and Forty well-ventilated Bed rooms, with excellent Stables and Offices attached. The House is fitted, throughout, with Gas and Water.

The *Waverley* is built, finished and furnished on a scale of elegance and comfort, and superior to any Hotel in the Provinces in all its appointments.

The Proprietor is determined that no exertion shall be wanting on his part to win and sustain a high reputation, to make it a pleasant home for the "Traveller," and the *House of the Provinces*.

The charges will be moderate, the Cellars and Larder constantly supplied with the best the markets will afford, and the Servants civil and attentive.

The Subscriber respectfully solicits that a liberal patronage will be extended by a discerning public.

JAMES WILLIAMS.

The Copartnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of CREELMAN & McMINN, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the said Firm, are requested to make payment to the subscriber, Jas. R. Creelman, who will also liquidate the liabilities of said Firm.

JAMES R. CREELMAN,
DAVID McMINN.